

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An elastically stretchable composite sheet, comprising:
an elastic ~~sheet web~~ having a stretchability in two ~~different~~ directions ~~substantially~~
~~orthogonal to each other~~; and

a fibrous, ~~inelastic web assembly~~ having an inelastic extensibility in said two directions
and being bonded to at least one surface of said elastic ~~sheet web~~, wherein:

~~said fibrous assembly has an inelastic extensibility~~, said elastic ~~sheet web~~ and said fibrous
~~web assembly~~ are bonded together at bond regions arranged intermittently in said two directions,
and component fibers of said fibrous ~~web assembly~~ are long fibers each continuously extending
and describing curves between adjacent said bond regions in which said long fiber is bonded to
said elastic ~~sheet web~~, and ~~said component fibers are not knitted or woven together.~~

2. (previously amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said
component fibers are neither sealed nor bonded with one another in bond-free regions between
adjacent said bond regions.


3. (previously amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said
component fibers are independent one from another in said bond-free regions.


4. (previously amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said
component fibers describe loops in said bond-free regions.

5. (previously amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said
component fibers are stretched yarns made of polypropylene or polyester.

6. (original) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein each of said component fibers has a diameter of 0.1 - 50 μm .

7. (original) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said component fibers are continuous fibers.


 8. (currently amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said fibrous ~~web~~ assembly has a basis weight of 2 - 100 g/m^2 .

 9. (currently amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said elastic ~~sheet web~~ is made of an elastically stretchable film ~~or elastically stretchable continuous fibers~~.

10. (original) The composite sheet according to Claim 9, wherein said elastically stretchable film is moisture-permeable.

11. (previously amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 9, wherein said elastically stretchable film presents a moisture-permeability of at least 1000 $\text{g/m}^2/24$ hrs as measured according to JIS Z 0208, and a water pressure resistance of at least 1 m as measured according to JIS L 1092.

12. (original) The composite sheet according to Claim 9, wherein said elastically stretchable film is made of block copolymerized polyester comprising hard and soft ingredients and said soft ingredient is polyether or copolymer of polyether.

 13. (currently amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 9 1, wherein said ~~elastic web is made of elastically stretchable continuous fibers, and~~ said elastically stretchable

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continuous fibers are made of block copolymerized polyester comprising hard and soft ingredients and said soft ingredient is polyether or copolymer of polyether.

14. (previously amended) The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said composite sheet is elastically stretchable at least by 20 % in said two directions.

15. (currently amended) A composite sheet, comprising:
an elastic ~~sheet~~ web having a stretchability in two directions substantially orthogonal to each other; and

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a non-woven fibrous ~~assembly~~ web having an inelastic extensibility in said two directions, said non-woven fibrous ~~assembly~~ web being bonded to at least one surface of said elastic ~~sheet~~ web at bonding regions arranged intermittently in said two directions, said non-woven fibrous ~~assembly~~ web comprising component fibers each continuously extending and describing curves in bonding-free regions defined between adjacent said bonding regions in which said component fiber is bonded to said elastic ~~sheet~~ web.

16. (previously added) The composite sheet of claim 15, wherein, in the bonding-free regions, said component fibers overlay each other without being interlaced or interlocked with each other.

17. (previously added) The composite sheet of claim 15, wherein, in the bonding-free regions, said component fibers are separate from each other to be substantially free to reorientate and extend to describe substantially straight lines between adjacent said bonding regions when said composite sheet is stretched.

18. (previously added) The composite sheet of claim 15, wherein, in the bonding-free regions, each of said component fibers, independently of the other component fibers, is

substantially free to reorientate and extend to describe a substantially straight line between adjacent said bonding regions when said composite sheet is stretched.

19. (currently amended) The composite sheet of claim 15, having a stretchability substantially defined by the stretchability of said elastic ~~sheet~~ web when said composite sheet is in a unstretched condition and when said composite sheet is stretched by a force which is sufficient to move adjacent said bonding regions away from each other in order to straighten said component fibers in the bonding-free regions, but insufficient to further stretch said straighten component fibers.

20. (new) A composite sheet, comprising:
an elastically stretchable web; and
an inelastically extensible web made of fibrous, non-textile material, said inelastically extensible web being intermittently bonded to at least one surface of said elastically stretchable web.


21. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 20, wherein said fibrous, non-textile material comprises component fibers continuously extending and describing curves in bonding-free regions of said composite sheet where said inelastically extensible web is not bonded to said elastically stretchable web.

22. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 20, wherein all component fibers of said fibrous, non-textile material generally extend in an MD direction of said composite sheet.

23. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 20, wherein said fibrous, non-textile material comprises component fibers that are randomly arranged in said inelastically extensible web.

24. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 20, wherein said composite sheet consists essentially of said elastically stretchable web and said inelastically extensible web.

25. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said composite sheet consists essentially of said elastic web and said inelastic web.

 26. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 16, wherein said composite sheet consists essentially of said elastic web and said fibrous web.

27. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 20, wherein said elastically stretchable web is a film.

28. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said elastic web is a film.

29. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 16, wherein said elastic web is a film.

30. (new) The composite sheet according to claim 27, wherein said film is moisture-impermeable.
